

TOWN OF LOS ALTOS HILLS Open Space Committee

REGULAR MEETING Minutes April 8, 2026

Call to Order

Anita called meeting to order at: 9:32am

Roll Call:

Members Present: Anita Baldwin, Eric Bredo, Peter Brown, Richard Contreras, Sarah He

Associate: Kit Gordon

Council Liaison: Stan Mok

Acceptance of March OSC Meeting Minutes - need to check recommendations - defer to May

Announcements

Peter announced EDCP sub committee applying for \$400,000 water district grant for town native plant garden

Eric gave brief update on memorial bench subcommittee- still in progress

Looking for interim chair as Anita out June, July

New Business

Presentation by Jay Bradford:

Update by Planning on 12778 Maria Lane- Appeal moved to June, wants Building Permit issued before dropping appeal.

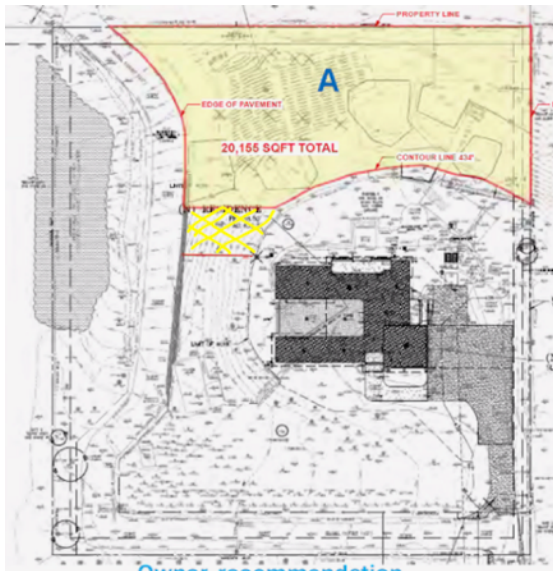
At Tuesdays Fast track meeting Dezahara Lane owner not happy with nexus and proportionality of Open Space Designation. Needs further review by city attorneys.

Draft Defensible Space in Open Space and Conservation Areas presented to committee for review at next meeting

Planning

Planning site reviews

27285 Elena Road -Owner presented their proposal for change to OSE (light yellow shading below). OSC responded with following counter proposal (light yellow plus hatched yellow).(PB moved, RC second, all in favor)



11035 Magdalena Road – landscaping

RECOMMENDATIONS AND CONSIDERATIONS

1. Remove dead pine tree at western corner of residence.
2. Proposed artificial lawn jutting into front setback should be removed from the setback.
3. All plants currently proposed to be next to the house be moved at least five feet away per LAHFD standards.
4. Recommend landscaping with native plants as much as possible. See calscape.org for list of plants native to Los Altos Hills.

Moved AB, Second EB

27390 Deer Springs Way – ADU and pool remodel

OSC RECOMMENDATIONS AND CONSIDERATIONS

1. Recommend open space easement between the two points where the 820' contour line crosses the southern and western property lines.
2. Recommend removal of spikes on fence per town code.
3. Recommend careful tree protection monitoring of heritage oaks in vicinity of ADU.
4. Recommend landscaping with native plants. See calscape.org for list of plants native to Los Altos Hills.

Moved AB, Second PB, all in favor

27855 Moody Road – hardscape and pool.

OSC RECOMMENDATIONS AND CONSIDERATIONS

1. The Open Space Committee sees no fencing, riparian, or wildlife issues with this development.
2. The only development on this property is a new pool and limited hardscape. An easement and Open Space Conservation Area exist near the pool but are not issues. The committee suggests locating the pool out of the steep slope (>30%) of the OSCA.

Moved PB, Second EB, all in favor

23100 Encinal Court – vanishing edge pool

OSC RECOMMENDATIONS AND CONSIDERATIONS

1. no comments

Moved AB, Second PB, all in favor

13961 Fremont Pines Lane – new pool and hardscape; encroachment permit

OSC RECOMMENDATIONS AND CONSIDERATIONS

1. no comments

Moved PB, Second AB, all in favor

Fast Track meeting recaps

Mar 24 – Cancelled

Mar 31 – Continued to 4/7

Apr 7 – Dezahara Way Easement dependent on slope and fault, to be discussed at landscaping.

New Business

Discussion of cremains in Byrne Preserve - OSC has no objections, but worried about perception and setting any precedent

AB Adjourned at 11:30am

